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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 10701 VICE 10710)

FROM: AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

PASS USDA/FAS/FCA/DAIRY, LIVESTOCK & LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

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SUBJECT: USSR: POULTRY AND BEEF IMPORTS

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1. FOREIGN EMBASSY SOURCE INDICATED FRESH RUMORS CIRCULATING IN MOSCOW TRADE CIRCLES CONCERNING POTENTIAL SALES OF US-PRODUCED POULTRY MEATS TO SOVIETS TOTALLING 10,000-30,000 TONS. FURTHER, POSSIBLE COMBINED SALE ALSO REPORTED OF 1,000 - 2,000 TONS POULTRY MEAT AND TWO MILLION BROILERS BY THE EC (NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, GERMANY AND BELGIUM) TO SOVIET UNION. DELIVERY DATE OF POULTRY MEATS AND BROILERS SAID TO BE AROUND JUNE 1.

2. NEW ZEALAND SOURCE STATED PRODINTORG CONTACT TOLD HIM SOVIETS JUST PURCHASED 10,000 TONS BEEF FROM FRANCE. NO PRICES INDICATED.

3. AGATTACHE TALKED AGAIN TODAY WITH PRODINTORG OFFICIAL IN ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM ALLEGED SALES AND OFFER ANY POSSIBLE

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ASSISTANCE IN US POULTRY PROCUREMENTS. HE WAS GIVEN SIMILAR

INFORMATION TO THAT OBTAINED AND REPORTED IN REFTEL. ONLY US PURCHASE REPORTED MADE TO DATE IS 2,000 M/T SHIPMENT WHICH WAS BOUGHT BY BELGIUM SHIPPER. IT WAS ALSO INDICATED THAT NO REPEAT NO FURTHER US PURCHASES WERE CONTEMPLATED AT THIS TIME. OFFICIAL ALSO STATED THAT PRODINTORG HAD BOUGHT SMALL QUANTITIES OF DANISH AND DUTCH PRODUCT, BUT WOULD GIVE NO DETAILS SAYING THIS WAS NOT MATTER WHICH HE COULD DISCUSS FULLY.

4. ALTHOUGH AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER REFUSES COMMENT THEREON, IT IS ALSO RUMORED THAT 40,000 TON MEAT SALE WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND SOVIET UNION, POSSIBLY AT OFFICIAL OPENING OF AUSTRALIAN TRADE EXHIBIT IN MOSCOW ON JULY 20.

5. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS SERVICE REPORT CONCERNING POSSIBLE 100,000 TON SALE OF BEEF BY ARGENTINA TO SOVIET UNION, ANLAUF CONTACTED ARGENTINE COMMERCIAL REP. AFTER PRODDING, REP. VERIFIED NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER WAY. HOWEVER, NO DETAILS COULD BE OBTAINED. HE STATED FINAL WORD COULD BE RECEIVED WITHIN TWO WEEKS. THIS IS SAID TO BE A BARTER ARRANGEMENT.
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